

The Budget Public Hearing of September 11, 2019 was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

MAYOR

Phillip Howard

OTHERS

Shannan Kinsley

Joni Baker

Chief Rene Rodriguez

Scott Ristow

Pat Howard

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Susan Darst

Jennifer Nottingham

Geri Poss

Sean Skaggs

Kimberly Verity

Mayor Howard declared a quorum with all Council member's present. The meeting was started with a moment of silence for the 9/11 victims and the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

1. PRESENT THE PROPOSED 2019/2020 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GREY FOREST PURSUANT TO TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 102, MUNICIPAL BUDGET, SECTION 102.006. DISCUSS AND GIVE ALL INTERESTED PARTIES THE RIGHT TO APPEAR AND BE HEARD ON THE 2019/2020 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GREY FOREST.

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE REVENUE FROM PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY AN AMOUNT OF \$2,637, WHICH IS A 5.554 PERCENT INCREASE FROM LAST YEAR'S BUDGET. THE PROPERTY TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR IS \$484.

Mayor Howard reviewed the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 Budget. The Property Tax Rate remains the same at \$0.088441/\$100. Mayor Howard stated all of Council was present at the Budget Workshop. There are no changes other than \$300 for the Port-a-Potties test which was agreed to during the Workshop. Council member Nottingham asked for clarification on the following:

- Line Item No. 100, Professional Fees. It was noted it includes Payroll Services as well as Engineering Fees.
- Assistant to City Secretary Salary should reflect 40 hours per week.
- Line Item No. 108, Mayor /Council Expenses. It was noted it includes TML Conferences, meetings, expenses, welcome baskets and any initiative the Council has.
- Line Item No. 119, Ads & Legal Notices. It was noted the newspaper is The Echo.
- Line Item No. 127 and No. 127A, School Crossing Guard. An explanation was given on Carryover Funds.
- Line Item No. 131, Internet Development & Web. It was noted John Chaffee is the webmaster.
- Line Item No. 200, Recycling. Council member Nottingham wants more discussion on recycling.
- Line Item No. 205, Public Works Dept Head. It was noted the position is held by Jay Shipley.
- Line Item No. 209A, Public Works Full Time. It was noted we will need to hire for this position.
- Line Item No. 209, Public Works Part Time. It was noted the position is held by Christian Holt.
- Public Works Temp Pay. It was noted the position is held by Bubba Rutledge.
- Line Item No. 215, Road Repair Tax Fund. It was noted funds are used to repair the roads and fill potholes.
- Line Item No. 224, Public Works Training. It was noted for training such as for tree trimming.
- Line Item No. 224A, Animal Control Training. It was noted once Public Works positions are filled, we will send someone to training.
- Line Item No. 300, Building Improvement/Repair. It was noted there are no known problems.
- Line Item No. 201, Road and Bridge. Council member Nottingham stated she would like more information on what the plan is. Mayor Howard stated this was proposed at the Budget Workshop.

- Line Item No. 405A, Code Compliance Officer. It was noted tickets are being reviewed by the City Attorney and the Code Compliance Officer is talking to residents if he sees something.
- Line Item No. 800, Emergency Management. It was noted its for the Reverse 911 system. Chief Rodriguez is the Emergency Management Coordinator.
- Line Item No. E-11, Parks and Programs, Madla Park Estimated Pledge from Conservancy. Council member Nottingham stated something is off; two checks were given to the City, one for \$6,020 and one for \$1,500. Mayor Howard stated that was for the current year. At the Madla Park Board Meeting Ron Green made the motion to pledge \$7,020 for the upcoming Fiscal Year and it was passed by the Board. Shannan Kinsley stated those payments were applied to the current Fiscal Year Budget, 2018/2019 and thought they understood that after their meeting. Council member Nottingham stated she thought they understood but there needs to be further discussion because its off again.

Council member Verity stated Line Item No. E-11-D, Community Events; we need to figure out a way to get residents interested in using the Community Center.

Mayor Howard asked if there was any further comments or citizen input. There was none.

2. DISCUSSION AND CITY COUNCIL ACTION ON THE 2019/2020 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF GREY FOREST

Council member Poss made the motion to accept the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Grey Forest. The motion was seconded by Council member Darst and passed with 4 YES and 1 OPPOSED by Council member Nottingham. Mayor Howard stated the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget for the City of Grey Forest is passed.

Mayor Howard adjourned The Budget Public Hearing at 7:13 p.m.

These minutes were written/recorded by Shannan Kinsley.

These minutes were approved as written/amended on the 24th day of September, 2019.

Signed:

Phillip A. Howard
Phillip A. Howard, Mayor